

Accordingly, Restriction Requirements are governed under the Unity of Invention standards, and the Examiner must clearly specify why the claims directed to different groups of inventions lack a common special technical feature. Namely, Unity of Invention exists when claims are directed to a common special technical feature. This is discussed in detail in Chapter 1800 of the MPEP. Examples concerning Unity of Invention are given in the Annex to the MPEP, specifically Part 2 of Annex B to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

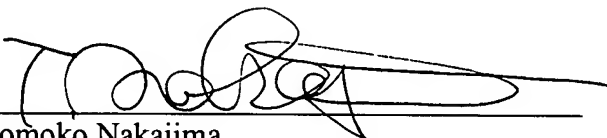
Applicants also traverse the Restriction Requirement since the examination of the claims of Groups I-II poses no undue burden on the Examiner. Under §803 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner **must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions**. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden (see MPEP §803 in which it is stated that “*if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions*”)

It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. KKH-0034 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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